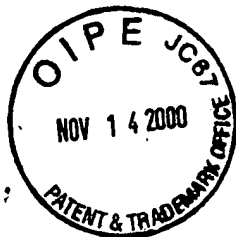


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Docket No. 12672US01

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AFTER APPLICATION FILING DATE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

ENCLOSURES

Enclosed are the following:

A completed PTO form 1449 (modified) which has 1 page.

A copy of each printed or patented reference listed in the enclosed form 1449 and not previously provided to or by the PTO in this application. Eight references are enclosed.

An Information Disclosure Statement describing the references listed in the enclosed form 1449.

FEE DETERMINATION

No fee is believed to be due because:

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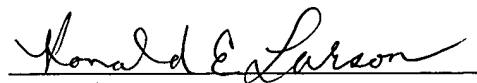
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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

This paper and enclosures are believed to be entitled to consideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, based on the facts stated above. The Examiner is required to initial both copies of the enclosed PTO-1449 (modified) and return one copy to the applicant(s) to indicate consideration of the enclosed references.

Respectfully submitted,

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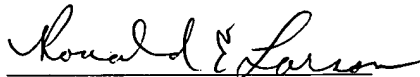
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following references be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

US PATENT NO.	NAME	DATE
5,132,899	Fox	07/21/92
5,761,442	Barr et al.	06/02/98
5,784,696	Melnikoff	07/21/98
5,819,238	Fernholz	10/06/98
5,884,287	Edesess	03/16/99
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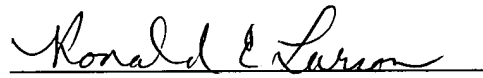
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The above-identified reference(s) are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449, and copies are also enclosed herewith.

This submission is in no way intended as an admission that the above-cited references constitute prior art under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicant expressly retains the right to take any actions necessary to remove the above-cited references from the available prior art.

Consideration of the above-identified references in the examination of the present patent application is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-0017.

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